

ALONG WATER FRONT

Movement of Vessels in and Out Yesterday.

CAPT. CANN SHANGHAIED

Formosa Sighted Eleven Square Riggers Coming up the Coast, All of Which Encountered the Severe Gale Yesterday.

The department of Commerce and Labor has reversed the claim of the master of the French bark Empereur Menelik, in the matter of tonnage dues at this port, and ordered the collection to be made for the 148 tons excess above Captain Moret's claim. It is but a repetition of the constant differences on the space measurements as between French and American official estimates, which always result in the same way, as they should, in favor of American standards.

The master of the Formosa, which reached here from Guyaquil, on Wednesday evening, reports that he sighted eleven square-riggers this side of Cape Blanco, all apparently bound for the Columbia. This being so, and the weather having gone nasty, and the weather clerk having sent special notices to the life-saving stations all along the upper coast, one need not be surprised to hear of some more strandings and wrecks this side of Vancouver Island.

Captain Archie Cann, who piloted the Norwegian steamer Jethou, to sea last Tuesday, was practically "shanghaied" by the weather and taken over to Royal Roads, B. C. The sea was so rough when he got the Jethou outside, it was not possible for the pilot dory to reach him. He is due home today.

The engineers' steamer Major Guy Howard, left up for Portland yesterday and will be there the better part of a month, undergoing a general overhauling. The steamer Arago was on the Howard's station yesterday, and she and the Geo. H. Mendell will do duty for her while she is being "doctored up."

The steamer T. J. Potter did not reach her O. R. & N. berth here until noon yesterday, and as there was enough freight on the piers to more than reload her for Portland, she will not leave up until 7 o'clock this morning.

The barkentine Wrestler, at anchor in the city channel off the Elmore cannery, dragged her anchors in yesterday's gale until she went on the spit sands north of the channel; she sent up a signal about mid-afternoon and a tug went out to her, but as she is resting easily, will be hauled clear this morning.

The naval court of inquiry into the causes of the stranding of the British bark Galena on this coast on November 13, is still in session at the office of Vice Consul P. L. Cherry and will probably absorb the rest of the week in its labors.

In view of the threatening weather the "new and commodious" duck-boat "Dorris" has been hauled ashore, swathed in gunny-sacks and stowed away in one of Arty Peterson's bathtubs. She is new to the water business and very tender.

The five-masted schooner Geo. E. Billings, cleared at the custom house yesterday, for San Francisco, loaded with nearly one and a half millions feet of lumber furnished by the Old Oregon Mills, at the Flavel dock.

The French bark Bougainville, Captain Le Toque, grain laden for Europe, arrived down from Portland on the Harvest Queen's hawsers, yesterday morning and went to her anchorage in the lower harbor.

The "bald-headed" four-masted schooner Andy Mahoney, came in on the fore-edge of the sou'wester yesterday noon, and is comfortably at anchor in the city channel.

The British bark Iverna, Captain Collingwood, left up for Portland yesterday on the tow-lines of the Harvest Queen. She will load grain for Falmouth.

The perky little Telegraph came down exactly on time yesterday in the very teeth of the storm, leaving up again at 2:30 o'clock.

The oil-tanker Atlas arrived down from Portland yesterday just in time to be bar-bound by the sou'wester.

The steamship Columbia will arrive down from Portland early tomorrow morning en route to San Francisco.

The steamship Costa Rica is due here on Monday next.

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THE COMMISSIONERS WIND UP

NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ORDERS MADE IN COUNTY COURT YESTERDAY—ADJOURNMENT TAKEN UNTIL DECEMBER 15TH.

The county commissioners' court resumed its labors yesterday morning and closed the county business at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The following matters were taken up and disposed of at yesterday's session:

The county clerk was directed to advise the papers of the city that bids will be received for the publishing of the county court proceedings for the year 1907, and that same will be received until the first of January.

The clerk was also directed to communicate with the Seaside Spruce Lumber company in relation to the county road scraper of which they were the last users, to the effect that the same was badly damaged while in their service, and that the bills for necessary repairs will be sent them upon their receipt by the court.

The clerk was further directed to notify all proper merchants that bids are desired for supplying the county with bridge oil for the coming year, and that same were due in court by January first next.

An order was made directing the county clerk to summon the poor of the county and now under course of aid from the county, to appear in court on the third of January, as the court desires to look into their respective conditions and necessities.

An order was made, in the matter of the delinquent tax sales for the year 1905, extending the time for sale until January 21 next, after which date the sheriff will proceed with the sales as provided for by law.

An order was made approving the order of business and the levies made by the various road districts of the county for road purposes for 1907, as follows: As reported from road districts numbers 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

A notice was ordered printed in the Weekly Astorian calling for bids for the boarding of the county prisoners for and during the year 1907; and that upon receipt thereof, the judge and county clerk will open same and award the contract to the lowest and best bidder.

The clerk was instructed to advise the A. & C. Railroad Company of the clogged condition of the culvert underneath its right-of-way near Clatsop station and on the Clatsop road,

and that the county road at that point was overflowed by reason thereof.

It was ordered by the court that the clerk send written notice to all road supervisors, that all money balances shown to be in their hands by their respective reports to the court, must accompany the reports into court at the time the same are filed.

A communication was received from the bondsmen of Contractor J. R. Wherry upon the road building contract now in his hands, notifying the court of the full completion of the contract; and it was ordered by the court that all further action on this bond be deferred until the roadmaster could investigate and report upon the work so reported done, when the matter will be disposed of in accordance with such report.

The court then recessed until Saturday, December 15, at 10 o'clock a. m.

IMMIGRATION INCREASING.

Head Tax of Two Dollars Imposed on Emigrants.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 6.—Immigration into the United States at border points was heavier during the month of November than it has been for many years. According to the monthly report of L. C. Stewart, immigrant agent for the San Antonio district, 292 foreigners were admitted at the ports of Laredo, Eagle Pass, Del Rio and Presidio during the month of November. Thirty-four persons were debarred as not being fit to become citizens. In this number are not included Mexicans, Cubans, Canadians, or New Foundlanders, who are exempt from the head tax of \$2. The increase in the amount of the head tax required does not seem to have had the effect of decreasing immigration and foreigners coming to this country seem to be fairly well supplied with money. In 1882 the head tax was but 50 cents. It was increased to \$2 in 1903.

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